

THE
CRAFTS
OF THE
CRAFTSMEN;
OR, A
DETECTION
OF THE
Designs of the Coalition:

CONTAINING

Memoirs of the *History of False Patriotism*
for the YEAR 1735.

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Sicuti vulgò dicunt Aquilonem Noctu exortum nunquam ad tertiam durare Diem: ita Rerum Motus, qui non ex altis initiis, sed facili Causa subit atque proficiscuntur, facile sedantur, et conquiescunt in Republica. PLIN.

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TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE
Sir ROBERT WALPOLE,
Knight of the most Noble
Order of the GARTER,
Chancellor and Under-
Treasurer of the EXCHE-
QUER, First Commissio-
ner of the TREASURY,
and One of His Majesty's
most Honourable PRIVY
COUNCIL, &c.

SIR,

AS the following Pages were
written with no other View
than the serving my Country,
by exposing the Designs of its Enemies,
and to vindicate His Majesty's most
happy

happy Administration from the false and scandalous Aspersions which have been thrown upon it by the Pens of malicious Men, I knew none to whom it could be so properly Inscribed as to Your Self.

THE Virtues of so excellent a Prince deserve, surely, to be rescued from the traiterous Attempts of such as have made it their whole Study to deceive their Unwary, and to delude their Ignorant Countrymen, by the Repetition of such Stories, as may hinder them from repaying, with a grateful Loyalty, the Favours of so gracious a Prince. As these Favours have been particularly dispensed by Your Hands, so it is but just, that an Apology for the Royal Character should be addressed to You: It seems Your Right as a Servant of the Crown; but You have still an additional Claim thereto from Your Personal Virtues, which have
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ever rendered You conspicuous in the Eyes of such as wished well to the true Interest of *Great-Britain*, the Protestant Succession, and the Protestant Religion.

IT is, SIR, Your peculiar Glory to have baffled the Rage of Power when out of Place, and by just Measures to have supported Your Self against all the Arts and Clamors of Faction since You have been in. Your Eloquence and Your Innocence have rendered You victorious over all Your Enemies; and You have none now, but such as are at the same Time open Enemies to their Country.

ACCIDENTS at Home, and the Vicissitudes of Foreign Affairs, have, for many Years, furnished the Discontented with the Means of amusing the Wise, and enflaming the Weak Minds of their Countrymen: the former seem now to be quite worn out; and

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and that Peace, which shortly will spread it self all over *Europe*, must deprive them of the Means of saying any Thing with respect to the latter. It is with Pleasure, therefore, that I lay hold of this Opportunity of congratulating You on the Tranquillity which henceforward You will enjoy ; and beg Leave, with the utmost Sincerity, to assure You, That I most earnestly wish neither Your Peace nor Your Power may suffer any Interruption as long as God shall bless this Nation with Your Life.

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I am,

*With the utmost Duty
and Respect,*

S I R,

*Your most devoted
and faithful Servant.*

THE
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Craftsmen, &c.

IT was the wise * *Answer* of the famous *Lycurgus*, who instituted the long-lasting Government of *Sparta*, to *One* who advised him to set up a *Democracy* in that City; *Try it first, Sir, in your own House.* This *Saying*, as it contained good Sense at the Time it was first spoken, so it certainly remains a very excellent *Rule* at this Day. If those, who contend for a licentious Right of libelling their *Superiors*, would but consider the Consequences of allowing the same *Privilege* to their *Servants* and *Dependants*, I think, I may affirm, they would alter their Minds. If a Gentleman's *Butler* should dispute

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* Reported by *Plutarch* in his *Laconic Apophthegms*, under the Title of *Lycurgus*.

bringing another *Bottle*, quote Sir *William Temple's* Rule, which allows but *three* Glasses, and insist that the Company had therefore enough. If the *Cook* should refuse to dress *Supper* after *Six* o' Clock, because eating late is thought unwholesome, or the *Footman* hesitate at going out in a misty Day : What high Disturbance would such Proceedings create ? And yet it is evident, that each of these Persons would talk more reasonably, and deserve to be heard with more Patience, than most of the *Political Declaimers* in our Times. And if the established *Rules* of *Subserviency* are so very necessary to the Peace and good Government of *Families*, as that the *Cases* before stated would be *Grievances* not to be endured ; of how much greater Consequence is the *Publick Peace* ? and how great a *Solecism* is it, to pretend, that every Man is to be *absolute* in his *House*, and not only so, but also have a *Power* vested in *Him*, and even in his *Servants*, to question and controul the *Proceedings* of their *Prince*, while in the State there is no Subordinancy at all ? All aggregate Bodies are made up of Parts ; and the constituent Parts of a *Political Society*, let its *Form* of *Government* be what it will, are *Families* ; each of these is a *little Society* in its self ; and it is easy to judge, by the Behaviour

viour of *Men* in their *Families*, and to their Neighbours, whether they are capable of serving the *Society* in any *publick Character*. I might illustrate this Observation by a great variety of Examples; but I choose to insist only on one. If a Man in *private Life* be known for a *Tale-bearer* and a *Detractor*, for a *Carrier* of little *Stories*, and a *Blabber* of *private Conversation*, will he ever be thought *worthy* of *Trust*, or *deserving* of *Esteem*? The Voice of the World says no. Let us then carry these Qualities into *publick Life*, and see what Figure they will make there. If we suppose a *Person* depreciating the *Abilities*, and denying the *Honesty* of *One* whom he formerly allowed to be an *able* and an *honest Man*? If we should hear the same *Person* ripping up Charges that were made upon that *Man* *twenty* or *five* and *twenty* Years ago, and against which that *Person* then *defended* him, with solemn *Asserations* that he now believes them to be true? If this *Person* should represent the *Man* with whom he is angry, as *One* equally false to his *King* and his *Country*, and alledge in *Proof* nothing but *Expressions* vouched by *himself* to have passed between that *Man* and *him* in *private Conversation*; ought we to style this *Person* a *Patriot*? Or, if we saw

him associate himself with the *Enemies* of his *Country*, and of the *Minister* at whom he pointed; should we think that he did this out of *Conscience* rather than *Picque*? No Man, whose *Eyes* are *open*, and whose *Heart* is *unbiassed*, will pretend to say we *should*. Yet this is certainly the Case of our present *Male-Contents*, whose *Chief*, like *Lucifer*, fell through *Pride*, and has since *rose* through *Malice*, and making use of that common Dislike which all the *Foes* to our *Constitution* had towards *him*, who has for many Years employed his utmost Endeavours to defend it, united by Degrees their discordant Inclinations, and, by the Tie of mutual Hatred, joined all our *sub-ordinate Parties* in that *League*, which he has since dignified with the Title of the *Coalition*.

IN order to discover the true Intentions of the *Parties* comprehended in this *League*, and to have a proper Key to the Language, which in publick *Places*, and on publick *Occasions*, they make use of, it will be necessary to give a short Account of *who they were*, and *what were their Principles*, before they entered into this *Alliance*. The first then in Order of Time are the *Jacobites*, who are open *Enemies* to our *Constitution*, as it has been settled since the glorious REVOLUTION: The Point they have in view, is the

the restoring the *Pretender*, and reducing all Things to their *old State*, that is, to the State they stood in before the Year 1688. These Men have no regard to the *King*, as their *Sovereign*; look on all who differ from them in Opinion, as *Rebels*; and long to behold that *Scene of Confusion* which must precede their *Triumphs*. The *Tories* are for extending the King's *Prerogative* to an unreasonable Degree; and in return for that, they modestly desire that the *Exercise* of it may be solely entrusted to *them*: on these Terms they are willing to serve *any Prince*; and on other Terms they will serve *none*: In a word, when in *Power*, they use the *Prerogative* as a *Sword*, to maintain it; and when *out*, they hold up the *Laws* as a *Buckler*, while they make use of every *Art* to procure it. The *discontented Whigs*, are Men who have perverted the *best Principles* to the *worst Use*; who, because they cannot satisfy their *Ambition*, are resolved to fulfil their *Rage*, and to practise such things against the *best* of *Princes*, as would scarce be lawful in *Opposition* to the *worst*. They are angry with *Monarchy*, because they cannot engross the *Monarch*; they would *Change* the *Constitution*, because, without such a *Mutation*, they despair of arriving at *Power*; and they are for doing this, by *aggrandizing* the *People*, in hopes that

that the *People*, out of *Gratitude*, will *aggrandize* them. Such is the *threefold Cord* of the *Coalition*.

As *Cerberus* had *three* Heads, no doubt he did not bark always in one *Tone*. Whoever observes the *Barkings* of the *Craftsman*, will easily discern out of which *Head* of our *political Cerberus* the Noise proceeds: If he hears our *ancient* Constitution commended, the *Revolution* decry'd, and a new *Revolution* advis'd, he will naturally cry, *there spoke the Jacobite*. If he observes a certain *Haughtiness* of *Style*, a Proneness to *calling Names*, and an *Impatience* of *Contradiction*, he will immediately declare, that Paper flow'd from a *Tory*; But if every *Period* ring with *Liberty*; if every *Prince* be represented as a *Claudius* or a *Nero*; if every *Minister* wear the Habit of a *Sejanus* or a *Wolsey*, it will be out of his Power to look upon such a *Performance* in any other *Light* than as the *Ravings* of a *discontented Whig*.

LET us apply these *Rules* and these *Discoveries* to the few shining *Papers* which have appeared in the Year 1735; and let us then return to the Consideration of the mighty *Benefits* and *Advantages* which would arise to *Britain*, in case its *Inhabitants* should receive such *Impressions*, and
follow

follow such *Measures* as these *Writings* are meant to *stamp* and to *recommend*.

THE *Craftsman* of *Saturday* the 22d of *February*, 1735^d, contains a *short History* of *Blockheads*; which this polite Writer begins with a *List of Fools upon Thrones*: He reproaches *AUGUSTUS* for his *Paternal Affection*; gives the *History* of *Caligula* and his *Great Horse*; displays the *Royal Qualities* of *Nero*, and treats *Domitian* with much *Severity* and coarse *Language*: But the full *Purport* of this *Paper* will appear from the following *List of Italicks*, which shews its principal *Beauties*, and those *keen Hints*, by which *Reflections* upon ancient *History* are rendered the severest *Satires* upon *present Times*.

CALIGULA as remarkable ——— for playing the Fool — as — for playing the Tyrant ——— had an Affection for a Race-Horse ——— Built him a fine Stable ——— Made him Consul ——— Which he was as fit for — as — his Master was to be Emperor. ——— Nero an excellent Buffoon — as well as Tyrant ——— excited Tears by his Butcheries — and Laughter by his Monkey Tricks. — Took Delight in ——— and was himself a great Proficient ——— at Fiddling, Dancing, Singing — blunder'd on Empire ——— made by Nature — for a Tumbler, Rope-dancer,

dancer, or an Harlequin. — Domitian famous for playing the Fool — to which his Privy-Council was also addicted — Roman Senate ridiculous — servile — corrupt — under Claudius. — their playing the Fool — a full Proof — that — August Assemblies — may be debased — under — an arbitrary Prince — an insolent Favourite — and a corrupted People. — Readers are to observe — these Instances are taken from ancient History — it not being safe — to produce — the Pimps, Patbicks, Blockheads, and Buffoons — raised to Favour and Power — in our Age and Country. — Kings — Ministers of State — Embassadors — have a Right of playing the Fool. — Concludes with — I shall therefore congratulate my Country — on that happy Temperament, which is so conspicuous in the Constitution of those excellent Persons who form the present Administration, and make so shining a Figure at the Head of Affairs.

*THIS Paper was certainly the Work of a discontented Whig ; its Drift is so clear, that he who runs may read. If I were employed to write Notes on it, I should think that I need say no more, than that we have a King remarkable for his Paternal Affec-
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tion ; that his *Stables* are *rebuilding* at the *Meuse* ; that his *Royal Highness* was a *Lover* of *Musick* ; that the *British Parliament* was then *sitting* ; and that the *Country Journal* is a *Paper* avowedly written against the *Ministry*.

THE *Craftsman* of *March* the first, 173⁴, was, without question, penn'd by a *Jacobite*, to put the Nation out of Humour with the *Navy* and the *Royal Family* : It is a *burlesque History* of *Sea-Affairs*, a *Collection* of *bald Tales* and *bawdy Jokes* ; an infamous *Banter* on the Care taken by his present *Majesty* and his *Royal Father*, to keep the *British Fleet* in such a Condition, as to give *Law* on the *Seas*, and to be the *Glory* of this *Island*. The concluding *Paragraph* of this wretched *Invective* is so full of stupid *Impudence*, and is so glaring an *Insult* on the *Measures* taken by the *King*, pursued by his *Ministers*, and approved by *Parliament*, that I doubt not but the candid *Peruser* will allow nothing but the apparent *Falshoods* of the *Libel* could have skreen'd the mercenary *Author* from *Punishment*.

“ WHAT an Opinion must future Ages
 “ conceive of our Strength, our Riches,
 “ and our Conduct, when they shall read
 “ the Account of our Naval Exploits both
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“ Abroad and at Home for ten or twelve
 “ Years past ? With what Admiration will
 “ they review all our late Expeditions to
 “ the *Baltick*, the *Mediterranean*, and
 “ the *West-Indies* ? What a glorious Fi-
 “ gure will our pacifick Armada’s at *Spit-*
 “ *head* make in their Eyes ? How will
 “ they applaud our Generosity, as well as
 “ our Politicks, when they behold Us in-
 “ troducing *Don Carlos*, with a numerous
 “ Army into *Italy*, and paving the Way
 “ to that Crown, which He hath since ac-
 “ quir’d ? ——— When I reflect on these
 “ Transactions, and many more of the same
 “ Nature, which have been lately perform-
 “ ed by our Fleets, I am willing to forget
 “ all the silly mad Pranks that have been
 “ formerly play’d by them, and even in-
 “ clin’d to concur with a late Writer in ex-
 “ tolling that *Series of Wisdom* and *Pol-*
 “ *icy*, which has been manifested to us in
 “ so conspicuous a Manner. ”

THE *Epistle* printed in the *Country*
Journal of *April* the 19th, 1735, flowed
 indubitably from the Quill of a *disappoint-*
ed Whig ; and tho it be signed with the
initial Letters H. Y. yet, from the *Viru-*
lence of its *Style*, and the warm *Panegyrick*
 it contains on the *Persian Letters*, I am apt
 to think it came from Mr. L. the reputed
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Author of that celebrated *Work*. It is an open *Banter* on the King's Care, with respect to *foreign Affairs*; it requests of Mr. *D' Anvers*, that, notwithstanding the Prosecution on the *Hague Letter*, he would at least let them have a *Dream*, a *Fable*, or an *Allegory* on the *present blessed State* of *Europe*, and the hopeful *Prospect* of a *better*. He asks, to whose Care it was owing that *Succession* to *Parma* and *Tuscany* was not *left open*? He congratulates, with a Sneer, our having a new *Ally* in his present *Neapolitan* and *Sicilian Majesty*. He asks, to whom we are obliged for having kept *France* so long in a State of *Peace*, as to give her breathing Time, and to enable her to put her *Projects* against the *Emperor* into Execution? He enquires, who it was encouraged *France* to impose a *native King* upon *Poland*, and who engaged the *Emperor* to *oppose* it? who *influences* the *Powers at War*? who seeks to *parcel* out the *Kingdoms* of the *Earth*? who, in consequence of that *Plan*, solicited a *Cessation* of *Arms*? and, finally, who had a Hand in blowing up the *Quarrel* between *Spain* and *Portugal*?

THANKS be to God, these People are as bad *Prophets* as they are *Politicians*; and penetrate as little into Futurity, as they are able to do into the *present State* of

Things. It would have been no difficult thing to have answered these Questions at the Time they are proposed, by giving a general *Negative* to them, and putting those who asked them on the *Proof*: And we may do the same as to the Consequences insinuated from them at this Day. The *War* has ended without engaging Us in any Shape therein, as it began without any *Fault* of *Ours*. There is no just *Reason* to fear, that We shall be worse treated in the *Peace*, than hitherto We have been by the *Powers* engaged in the *War*. They have none of them had just Cause to be *offended* with our Behaviour; and there is therefore no *Reason* that we should apprehend any thing from their *Resentments*. The *Measures* taken by *Great-Britain*, with respect to the *Succession* of *Parma* and *Tuscany*, did not at all contribute to the *War* in *Italy*, nor to the putting *Don Carlos* on the *Throne* of *Naples*. For, if the *French* had not been admitted by the *King* of *Sardinia*, *Don Carlos* would neither have quitted *Parma*, nor have been in any Condition to have conquered *Naples*. And if the *Crown* of the two *Sicilies* should be settled on him and his *Descendants* by the Consent of the *Emperor* and the other *Powers* of *Europe*, I, for my part, do not see how our *Trade* in either

ther of his Kindoms should suffer: Sure I am, that it laboured under great Difficulties in both of them but a *few Years ago*. As to the *Contests* in *Poland*, the Insinuation arose from a *Scheme* formed at Lord *B...*'s, for procuring to a certain *Minister* the Satisfaction of knowing what *Instructions* the late Mr. *W...* was furnish'd with. It had proved abortive in the *House of Commons* before this Gentleman put it into his *Interrogatory*; and the *Reasons* offered in the *Debate*, which are now publick, make it needless for me to insist farther on the unsuitable Method of such *Enquiries*, while the *Ends* at which they aim, are capable of producing none but *bad Effects*. The *Quarrel* between *Spain* and *Portugal* has produced nothing with respect to us, but an Occasion of shewing, that we want neither *Will* nor *Power* to succour our *Allies*, when it appears that they stand really in need of us. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the ingenious *Writer* of the *Persian Letters*, considering the ill Luck he has had in *Politicks* and *Propheying*, will confine his elegant *Genius* to *Poetry* and *Inscriptions*, and harmlesly amuse the *World* with *Tales* of his *Uncle's* fine *Gardens*, and the wonderful Qualities of his *Italian Greyhound*.

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I MUST intreat my *Reader* not to imagine that I am led by any personal Resentments, nor from any private Quarrel, to engage my self in this Controversy, and to hazard being attacked by *Pens* so full of *Spleen*, and so void of *Civility*, as those apparently are, which are drawn in the Cause of the *Opposition*. On the contrary, I have never hitherto had the least Difference with these Gentlemen in the ordinary Scenes of Life; and therefore I can have no Malice towards them: all I aim at, is to undeceive the *Publick*; to expose the real *Views* with which the *Craftsmen* have hitherto been written; to unveil the concealed *Principles* of their *Authors*, and shew their *Intentions* in their proper *Light*.

ON the 26th of *April*, 1735, the *Country Journal* was made the *Canal* of a *Jacobite Declamation*, under the *Title* of a *Dying Speech* for a *Minister*, or the *last Words* of Cardinal *Coscia*; most worthily intended to traduce Sir R . . . W . . . , and which, with me, is a much higher *Crime*, most loyally aiming to detract from the *Royal Character*, by insinuating that the *King* governs not by his own Will, but as He is prompted by his *Minister*; who makes use of him to declare his own *Commands*, at the same Time that he has corrupted the *major Part* of the *Senate*, and made them

them the *Creatures* of his *Will*. Is *Evidence* required? let the *two* following *Paragraphs* be read, and I will defy the boldest of the *Danverian* Band to deny that they prove all I have said.

“ I CONFESS, and I take Shame to my
 “ self, when I confess it, that I have often
 “ revenged my own *little private Quar-*
 “ *rels* with my *Master's Weapons*; and I
 “ have always declared them who were not
 “ my *Friends*, to be his *Enemies*; nay, I
 “ have made our *holy Father* the *Pope*
 “ declare the *same*.

“ I OFTEN made my *Master* himself
 “ the *Canal* to convey my *Will* and *Plea-*
 “ *sure*, and give *Authority* to my *Resolu-*
 “ *tions* and *Decrees*: After which I have
 “ insisted upon it, that those *Resolutions*
 “ and *Decrees* were *infallible*. I always
 “ most insolently affirmed, the *Authority*
 “ of the *sacred College* could not *Err*,
 “ though I knew that the *major Part* of
 “ it was *corrupted* by Me, and under my
 “ *sole Influence* and *Direction*. ”

I HOPE there will be no *Dispute* made
 about the Words *Pope*, *holy Father*, and
Coscia: for the true Intent and Meaning
 of these in a *Country Journal*, I could refer
 myself to every *Cobler* who reads them, and
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to every *Barber* in whose *Shop* they are read: Even the *lowest* of the *People*, thanks to the Industry of the present *Disturbers* of their *Country*, are so well taught to relish *Sedition*, that they pronounce as justly on the *true Sense* of a *Libel*, as on the right *Taste* of the *Beer*. What possible *Good* the Paper I have been speaking of could be *pretended* to do, I am at a Loss to *discern*. *Faction* heretofore put on the *Vizard* of *Virtue*; and the greatest *Traitors* to their *Country*, ever palliated their *Practices* with *Pretences* of the *publick Good*: but We have lived to see, and it is the *Glory* of the *D'Anverians*, to have introduced *Railing* without a *Cover*, and *seditionous Declamations* without the least *Mixture* of *Good*. In this they have outdone *Cataline* himself; for he talked of great *Injuries* received, and mighty *Benefits* that he would confer, if those then in *Power* were out of the Way, and Himself and his *Associates* were in their *Places*: But our British *Catalines* are for subverting *Monarchy*, destroying *Kings*, assassinating *Ministers*, and throwing all into *Confusion*, merely to see what would start out of the *Chaos*, or in *Hopes* of being *Lucifers* in a *Hell* of their own making.

WHEN I began this *Essay*, I never intended to take the least *notice* of the *In-*
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sults offered to the *Minister* by the *Writers* of the *Craftsman*; for I knew it to be, at once, an endless and a loathsome Labour; but the *Billingsgate* of the *Paper* before me, is at the same time so copious and so extraordinary, that I cannot resist the Inclination I am struck with, to collect a small *Nosegay* of these *Flowers* of *Patriotism* for the Use of any *Jacobite Declaimer*, who has not yet arrived at the *Faculty* of calling *Names* fluently. If any such *Gentleman* should be in Distress, the following elegant *Epithets* are at his *Service*; they are equally proper against any *Minister*, and under any *Reign* they may be applied to a *Sejanus* or a *Clarendon*, to a *Wolsey* or a *W.....e*, while *Augustus* or *Trajan* holds the *Helm* of *State*, as well as when a *Nero* or *Heliogabulus* defiled the *Imperial Purple*: In a word, If any *King* has a *Minister*, that *Minister* may be called,

An haughty Mackheath, — an overgrown Ministerial Robber — a Felon of the first Rank — a Plunderer of the Publick — a corrupt enterprizing audacious Administrator — a Gigantick Criminal — a Behemoth of Corruption — a Protector of Cheats and Highway Men — a Political Liar — a Corrupter of Bishops — the Ruler of his Master — and,

in fine, by way of general Title, the Graſt Delinquent. —

ON the *Twenty-fourth* of *May*; the moſt ſagacious *Caleb D' Anvers* obliged his *Countrymen* with another *Outcry* againſt *Corruption*; in which, ſpeaking of the eaſy *Transition* from *Corruption* in *Court* to *Corruption* in *Country*, he has theſe memorable, as well as mannerly, *Expressions*.

“ THUS will *Corruption* become epi-
 “ demical, and ſpread itſelf like a *Leproſy*
 “ over the whole *Nation* : Or, to ſpeak
 “ in *Scripture Language*, *The whole Head*
 “ *will be ſick, and the whole Heart faint* ;
 “ *from the Sole of the Foot unto the Head*
 “ *there will be no Soundneſs in it, but*
 “ *Wounds, and Bruiſes, and putrifying*
 “ *Sores.*”

WHEN the thorough-paced *Republicans* had determined to deſtroy *Monarchy*, and, in open Violation of the *Laws* of the *Land*, conſpired the *Death* of their *Sovereign* in the moſt infamous, as well as traitorous, Manner that ever was thought of; a Profligate *Tool* of *Sedition* was put upon declaiming from the *Pulpit* from this *Text* of *Scripture*, *My Head acheth, My Head acheth*: from whence he moſt blaſphemouſly inferred, That when the *Head* of a
Society,

Society, i. e. the *King* *ached*, or *grew uneasy* to the *Commonwealth*, He was then to be *cut off*. The *Doctrine* of the *Craftsman* has certainly a strong Tendency to the same blessed *End*, only his *Scheme* is broader, and differs from the *Preacher's Plot*, as the *Powder Treason* does from the *Assassination*, being intended to do more *Mischief*, and to take off every Man whom the *Malecontents* either *dislike* or *fear*. In *Proof* of this, I shall quote another *Passage* from the same *Paper*, without the least Alteration ; from whence it will appear as evidently as the *Sun* at *Noon Day*, that nothing less is intended, at least by the *Chiefs* of the *Coalition*, than the extirpating, *Root and Branch*, those against whom they have declared *themselves*: For thus they call upon the *People* to *stir* in their *behalf* ; and thus they reproach them for not having *stirred before*.

“ THERE are *Instances* of *People* eminently distinguished for the *Love* of *Liberty*, who being long and greivously oppressed by an *infamous Cabal*, refused to fight for their *Country*. They thought, perhaps, that even a *foreign Yoke* would sit easier on their *Necks*, or be more honourable at least, than *One* imposed upon *Them* by their *Fellow-*

“ *Subjects.*— Let us pray to *God*, and
 “ use our utmost *Endeavours*, that this
 “ may never be again the *Case* of any *free*
 “ *Nation.*”

IF from the *Nature* of this *Essay*, I were bid to guess the *Hand* who wrote the *Paper*, I should attribute it to *One* who has *no Principles* at all, but is the ready *Instrument* of any *Man* that will *pay* him; a *Political Engine*, who formerly *employed* his *second Rate Abilities* in writing for *Bills of Pains and Penalties*, and the *mighty Usefulness* of *Attainders*; a *Hand* that has by turns *libelled* and *praised* every *considerable Man* in *England*, in *Power* or *out*; in fine, a *Hand* ready to do any thing but work *honestly* for a *Subsistence*; and who will probably be employed to draw up the *Manifesto* of the *Malecontents*, when they are ready to *appeal* to *GOD*, as they *phrase* *Rising in Rebellion*, and to elect their present *illustrious Chiefs*, the the *two quondam Right Honourables*, the first *British Consuls*; which how near it may be, let the *Reader* guess from the following *plain Character* of the *King*, his *Minister*, and *People*.

“ LET us suppose that neither the *Prince*
 “ nor the *Minister* set any *personal Ex-*
 “ *amples of Profusion* themselves; or,
 “ that

“ that they are even tainted with the *op-*
 “ *posite Vice*; yet if they manifestly en-
 “ courage such a *Spirit* in all about them,
 “ and even through the *whole Nation*,
 “ this would be so far from being any *Se-*
 “ *curity* to the *People*, that it would add
 “ to their Danger: For what can be more
 “ *ominous* to *Liberty*, than a *rich Court*,
 “ and a *luxurious impoverished People*?”

I BEG *Pardon* for having *trespassed* so
 long on the *Reader's* Patience in respect to
 a *single Paper*; but it is so seldom that
 the *Writers* for this *Faction* are instructed
 to speak out with *respect* to their own *De-*
signs, that I am glad to lay hold of any of
 their *exhortatory Orations*, in order to *un-*
mask these *Pseudo Patriots*, and shew
 them in their *proper Colours*.

To come nearer the *present Season* of
 the *Year*: On *Saturday, November* the 29th.
 we had a *Country Journal* on the Reign
 of *Edward III.* in which are contained some
 of the *tritest* and most *mannerly Reflecti-*
ons on the *Court*, that ever yet were *pub-*
lished: He says, the *opening* of this *Reign*
 was as infamous as the *Conclusion* of his
Father's; which is a manifest Allusion to
 the *latter End* and *Beginning* of two *Reigns*
 of a much *lower Date*. We have then a
 horrible Character of an *AMBITIOUS QUEEN*
 and

and an arrogant *Favourite*, whom the *Craftsman*, with great Tokens of Joy, informs us was at last impeached, condemned, and executed for a *Traitor* on the common Gallows at *Tyburn*, without any *Evidence* heard against him, or being *suffered* to *speak* in his own *Defence*. What a *Precedent* is here! And what *Patriots* are those that *recommended* it! Out of their own *Mouths* let us *judge* them; they are daily *raving* against *Power*, and daily declaring, that if they *possessed* it, they would make the *worst Use* of it that *Men* ever did; they cry out at the *legal Conviction* of a *F.....n*, meant only to deter *People* from *getting Bread* at the *Expence* of their *Country's Peace*, at the same Time that they recommended the taking off a *Minister* without any *Trial* at *all*; and while they are continually *speaking* whatever comes uppermost, without any regard to *Decency* or *Truth*, they profess an earnest Desire to see a *Minister* *hanged* at *Tyburn*, without being allowed to *speak* for his *Life*. Though there is certainly no *Justice* in this, yet I freely own there is a great deal of *Reason*; for while the *Minister* they *hate* is *suffered* to *speak*, nothing they *say* ever will be *believed*; and whenever he falls by such *Practices* as theirs, our *Laws* and *Liberties* must *fall* with *Him*, as for *many*
Tears

Years they have been *supported by him*, against a raving restless *Faction*, as unable to bear the *Loss of Power*, as they are of making a *right Use* of it if they *had* it. A *Faction*, the *Heads* of which *hate one another* as much as they do the *Minister*, and who, if they could once *shed* his *Blood*, would soon fall to *shedding* the *Blood* of each *other*: In fine, a *Faction* who, from their own *Shewing*, have neither *Wisdom*, *Gentleness*, nor good *Manners*; and who, if they came in like *Foxes*, by *undermining*, would raven like *Wolves*, Creatures remarkable for killing *ten* Sheep for *one* they bear away.

IN the same *Paper* there is *One* of the *Articles of Impeachment* against *Mortimer*, Earl of *March*, printed all, except a single Word, in *Italick*, to shew the Appositeness thereof to the present Times; and the single Word I speak of in *Roman*, to shew that in it lies the Strength of the *Sentence*. I will give it the Reader just as it is *printed* there, and then offer a few Considerations on the *Intent* for which it was *printed*.

“ ONE of the *Articles of Impeachment* against Him was, *That He had placed about the King's Person Persons who were Spies upon all his Actions,*

“*ons, that He might not be able to free*
 “*himself from the Subjection he was*
 “*kept in.*”

EDWARD the *Third*, the *Prince* here spoken of, was not yet of Age, and it is very probable, that this *Article* against *Mortimer* might be very true: But in what Sense, I pray, can this *Writer*, or his *Patrons*, shew that it is applicable to the present Reign? Our *King* is a *Monarch* distinguished for his personal *Abilities*, and for none more remarkably than this of seeing with his own *Eyes*, and examining all *Matters of State* himself. His younger Years gave early Demonstrations of his *Valour* and *Capacity for War*; and the many personal Applications made to his *Majesty* while *Abroad*, as well as while *Resident* in his *British* Dominions, render it clear as the Sun at Noon Day, that He acts according to his own *Judgment*, and under no other *Restrictions* than those imposed by the Dictates of *Reason*, and the Nature of our *Constitution*. The villainous Suggestion in the *Craftsman*, therefore, could only be meant to *poison* the *People* with false *Ideas* of their *Prince* as well as of those with whom he entrusts the *Administration*: *Ideas*, not only derogatory from the *Royal Character*, but on other

Accounts

Accounts very dangerous to be diffused among the meaner and lower Sort, with whom a *printed Paper* is authentick Evidence, and the *Sneer* of the *Craftsman*, backed by the *Oath* of a *disconted 'Squire*, an *Oracle* not to be questioned or contradicted.

ON *Saturday, December the sixth*, we had the *Second Part* of the *Craftsman's* Observations on the Reign of *Edward the Third*; in which we have a studied Apology for the taking off *Mortimer* without *Form of Law*, and at the same time a very severe Reflection on the *Reigns* since the *Revolution*. I will quote the Passage *verbatim*, and then the *Reader* will easily see the Sense of it.

“ NOR do we meet with any bloody In-
 “ stances of *Revenge*, or violent and tyran-
 “ nical Execution under this great Prince,
 “ except that of *Mortimer*, Earl of *March*,
 “ when the King first took the Govern-
 “ ment into his own Hands. But when
 “ we consider the notorious Enormity of
 “ his Crimes, the *Resentment* of the People
 “ as well as the *Parliament*, and his own
 “ Example in such Methods of Proceed-
 “ ing, we cannot be much surprized, that
 “ a young Prince of *Spirit*, who was par-
 “ ticularly injured and dishonoured by that
 “ Monster's Conduct, should be prevail'd
 E “ upon

“ upon to take him off in the same *sum-*
 “ *mary Manner*. Besides, it will be found
 “ upon Enquiry, that the *Notoriety* of
 “ *Guilt* has been made the Reason, or
 “ Pretence, for extraordinary *Proceedings*,
 “ and even *military Executions*, in much
 “ later *Reigns* than that of *Edward* the
 “ *Third*; I wish I could add, that nothing
 “ of this kind hath been done since the
 “ *Revolution*. ”

Two Things are evidently attempted,
 as I have said before, in this labour'd Pa-
 ragraph ; and that both of them tend only
 to disturb the publick Peace, and introduce
 dangerous Notions. I will take upon me
 to prove, *First*, the Execution of *Mor-*
timer, Earl of *March*, was *revengeful*,
violent, and *tyrannical* ; for it was done
 to glut the *Anger* of a *young Prince* and
 his new *Favourites* ; it was done with all
 the outward Shew of *Rage* and *Resent-*
ment, and it was done *without*, that is *a-*
gainst, Law. The *notorious Enormity* of
 his *Crimes* is the worst Reason that ever was
 produced for such an *Action* ; for if they
 were *enormous*, the *Law* would have ad-
 judged him to *Death* ; and if they were
notorious, there could be no Trouble in
proving : So that a short *Indictment*, and
 a *speedy Trial*, would have made that
 right

right and just, which, according to the *Craftsman's* own Shewing, was a *Crime* of *notorious Enormity*, which neither could be *excused* by the *Resentment* of the *People*, nor by any *Precedents* made by *Mortimer* himself; and which ought to have been *atoned* for by the *legal*, I don't say *violent*, Execution of those who were the Advisers and principal Agents in this open and horrid *Murder*. I say, it ought thus to have been *atoned* for; and I will bring the *Craftsman* to witness, that what I say is *right*; for, in his former Paper, speaking of this Execution, he says, that *Mortimer* suffer'd justly in this Manner, because he had served the *Spencers* so some Years before. If then *Mortimer* deserved to be *hanged* for *hanging* the *Spencers* without *Law*, who, by the way, were as bad *Ministers* as he; then those who *hanged Mortimer* on the common Gallows at *Tyburn* against *Law*, ought *by Law* to have been *hanged* on the same *Gallows* for their *pains*. Secondly, As to the Aspersions on the *Reigns* since the *Revolution*, it either relates to *Transactions* wherein some who are alive had a hand, or else it is impertinently introduced, merely to throw *Dirt* in the *Face* of the *Royal Family* on the *Throne*, by reflecting upon that *Event* from whence they derive their *Right* to it. If it relate to *Per-*

sons now alive, it must refer to the last *Reign*; for in the *Reigns* preceding it, *those* in the present *Administration* were not in *Power*; and in the *present*, none, even of the *Malecontents* themselves, are so lost to Shame, as to affirm that any one *Act* has been done, which even they, with all their *Arts*, can wrest into an *Act* of *Violence* or *Oppression*. Now, in the *late Reign*, I can remember but *two* Instances to which any *Objections* were made, either at the Time they happen'd, or since, among the retrospective *Slanders* shot by the *Parthians* in the *Opposition*, on the *Reign* of the *late King*; whose *Memory*, at other times, they pretend to *honour*: These *two*, are the *Act* against the *South Sea Directors*, and that against the late *Bishop of Rochester*. As to the *first*, I presume, the coming off of the *Directors* so cheap, might in some *measure* compensate for the extraordinary Manner in which they were *punished*; besides, they were *punished* by *Law*, and were heard in their own *Defence*: So that this has nothing to do with the *Case* of *Mortimer*, who, as the *Craftsman* says, was put to *Death* without *speaking*, though his Crimes were of such a *nature*, that he would have been *condemned* before even a common *Judicature*, in spite of all he could have *said*, *had he been allowed*

lowed to speak. As to the Bishop of *Rochester's* Case, the *Craftsman's* prime *Patron* drew up, or took the Honour of *drawing up*, the *Report* on which the *Bill* for *Banishing* him was founded. The same *Gentleman* promoted it in every *Step*, and was as violent in that *Prosecution* as he would be in *another*, if he could bring it *about*; for there are some Tempers of such a vindictive Fierceness, that neither Honour, Shame, nor Justice, can stay them from Revenge: I would not be thought to throw any Odium on the *penal Act* last mentioned; it was as reasonable as any *Law ex post Facto* could be; and though *HE*, who procured it, would now have it looked on in another *Light*, yet all impartial Men, and true Friends to the *Royal Family*, approve it as much *this Day* as they did when our *Prince of Patriots* plumed himself on its *passing*, and took a valuable *Present* from his *Royal Master* for the mighty *Service* which he did Him on that Occasion. As to the *Sting* in the *Tail* of the *Craftsman's* Period, as to *MILITARY EXECUTIONS*, it undoubtedly glances at *Glenco*, a Fact never vindicated by any ministerial *Writer*, and which, of all *Writers*, the *Craftsman* ought not to have mentioned, considering the *high Honours* that have been paid by *him* and his *Associates*

ciates to the SON of the GREAT MAN who concerted and commanded it, perhaps without his *Master's Knowledge*, in any Shapewhatsoever.

IN the same *Country Journal* we have another illustrious Proof of the Equity and good Sense of the *Writers* on this Side of the *Question*: Let us first see the *Paragraph*, and then let us consider it.

“ IT is also true, that there are some
 “ *Acts of Power or Prerogative* to be
 “ found in the *History* of this *Reign*, parti-
 “ cularly with Relation to *Money Matters*.
 “ But as they are but *few*, and in Times
 “ of an *expensive War*, so they are gene-
 “ rally accompanied with *Affurances* that
 “ they should not be drawn into *Prece-*
 “ *dent*, *Apologies* to his *People* upon that
 “ Account, and *Remittances* of old *Debts*
 “ owing to the *Crown*, or some other *Boons*
 “ by way of *Retribution*.”

Is it not strange, that a *Writer* who treats the *present Times* so severely; who takes upon him at every turn to censure *Persons* in the *highest Offices*, nay even the *King* himself and both *Houses* of *Parliament*, should at the same time employ his *Pen* in varnishing the worst *Actions* of our *Ancestors*, and in setting a *Gloss* upon
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Facts which, were they to happen now, he would think sufficient Causes for another *Revolution*? For the *Crown* to exert its *Power* in *Money Matters*, and to make use of its *Prerogative* to open the *Purses* of its *Subjects*, is certainly one of the most illegal and arbitrary, at the same time that it is the most dangerous and destructive *Error* into which any *Prince* can fall; and to soften this merely to heighten the Reputation of *Edward the Third*, and to raise his Glory higher than that of *George the Second*, who never exerted his *Prerogative* in any *Act* of *Power*, or took one *Penny* from his *People*, is a Behaviour utterly inexcusable, as it plainly proves the Man who is capable of it, as little a *Friend* to his *Country* as *loyal* to his *Prince*. To say the Truth, the *Malecontents* have demonstrated in *Actions* as well as in *Words*, that in order to acquire *Power* themselves, they neither care from whom they wrest it, nor in what Manner they employ it. This is clear from the *Scheme* of the *Pension Bill*, manifestly intended to prevent the *Prince* from employing any *One Man* grateful to his *People*; whereas a good *Prince* would naturally encline to trust those who were *trusted* and *favour'd* by his *Subjects*. By the attempting to repeal the *Riot Act*, in order to facilitate *Tumults*,
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that a *Rebellion* might the more easily be brought about, when *Sedition* was render'd familiar ; a thing which can never be thought incredible, if one reflects on the *pulling down* the *Turnpikes* in the West, and the *firing* upon *Justices* of the *Peace* in the *Execution* of their *Offices* : By the *Bill* for new *modelling* the *Army*, which might as properly have been called a *Bill* for new *modelling* the *Government* ; since it is most certain, that a new *Power* would have been created thereby, which there is just reason to *suspect* would have swallow'd up the *Civil Authority*, and made a *Council* of *Officers* as *awful* an *Assembly* as an *House of Commons* : By their open Encouragement of *Mobs*, coming to *Westminster* to influence *Members* as they went *in*, and to *terrify* them as they came *out* of the *House*, which a worthy *Patriot* was pleas'd to *phrase*, coming by *Thousands* and by *ten Thousands* to give *Weight* to their *Petitions* : By their scandalous *Suggestions*, to the Detriment of *publick Credit*, and Dishonour to the *whole Nation*, in respect to the *Transactions* at the *South Sea House* ; when, upon the strictest *Enquiry*, at the no small Trouble and Cost of the *Proprietors*, it has been proved, beyond all Contradiction, that *Affairs* of such a Nature were never conducted with greater Probity and Exactness.

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To cite all the *Country Journals* which have been *written* to *libel* the *Constitution*, to *villify* the *King*, his *Royal Consort*, and all their *Family*, and to calumniate both *Houses of Parliament*, even in the *last Year* only, would be to injure Mr. F. . . . in his *Property*, and to print a whole *Volume* of his *Craftsmen* : as the Recital of the Steps taken to the same Purpose by this restless *Party*, would oblige me, instead of a *small Pamphlet*, to undertake the Composition of a *Work in Folio*, which, when finished, would prove as *tiresome* to my *Readers* as the writing of it must have been *troublesome* to me. The *Specimen* already offered is sufficient to demonstrate, that the following *Inferences* are justly drawn, and that I have Reason to treat with unusual *Asperity* a *Set of People* incapable of performing *good Actions*, or of so much as giving *good Words* ; who *threaten* others with the *Punishments* which themselves *deserve* ; and who preposterously speak the *Language of Tyrants*, though they can have little or no *Hopes* of ever arriving at *Power*.

LET us now return to those *Inferences*, which, in the Beginning of this *little Piece*, I promised to deduce from the *Accounts* I have given of the *Parties* in the *Coalition*, and their *Proceedings*.

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1. As *those* are never thought fair Adversaries in *private Life*, who attack Mens Characters in the Dark, and produce no Accusations but by *Inuendo*; so in *political Disputes*, Men of Probity and Honour, who having nothing at Heart but the Good of their Country, are not wont to have Recourse to indirect Methods, nor to countenance seditious Proceedings by their Practice; or, in a Word, they do not themselves commit *Evil* that *Good* may come of it, or pretend any *Privilege* as Patriots to break the *Laws* of the *Land*, in order to come at those who had broken them as *Ministers*. Yet such has been the constant *Conduct* of the *Craftsmen*, by which I would be understood to mean the *active Members* of the *Coalition*; they have slighted the *Laws* of *God* and *Man*, in order to vilify those they *opposed*. They have brought *Charges* the most heinous against those whom they would *injure*, and have only *repeated* those *Charges* when they have been call'd upon for *Proof*. They have given us from time to time *Visions*, *Dreams*, *Emblems*, *Pictures*, and *Hieroglyphicks*, instead of plain *Declarations* of *ministerial Guilt*, or unsophisticated *Recitals* of *Grievances* lying upon the *People*. They have done all this at Times, when such *Reflections* were most

most likely to induce publick *Disturbances*; which plainly shews that *they are not* PATRIOTS.

II. As *honest Men* in *private Life* disdain to tell *slandrous Tales*, so they abhor forging rank *Lies* to the Prejudice of those with whom they *differ*. In the *Court* of Queen *Elizabeth* there were *Factions* after the *Death* of the Earl of *Leicester*; but it was an *Art* not then found out, to charge in the *Senate* black *Crimes* upon a *Minister*, and to offer to *prove* them, when those who made that *Offer*, knew there was not one Word of *Truth* in all they *spoke*. Yet in our Days Men have opened it as an undeniable *Truth*, that *Dunkirk* was again become a *Port*, that mighty Things had been done to *make it so* by the Connivance of *those* whose *Duty* it was to have *prevented* it, and that in a *few* Years we should see it *perfectly restored*. Yet every Word of this was *disproved* at the Time, nay, *disproved* by the very *Witnesses* they brought to *prove* it. And more than the Years they talked of are now elapsed without *Dunkirk's* becoming a *Port at all*. In like manner all the *Country* of *England* was, in the *Recess* of *Parliament*, alarmed with the *Navy Debt*: The People were told, that it was contracted by the *Artifice*

of the present *Ministry*, and that they were so sensible of it, that they durst not suffer it to be *examined*. Yet the very *next Sessions* the *Ministry* themselves laid this Matter before *Parliament*, and set it in so *fair*, so *just* a *Light*, that even those, who *blustered highest* in the *Country*, had not a Word to say in *Town*. The *Affair* of the *Charitable Corporation* was also thrown in the teeth of *those* in *Power*; but when they, from a Consciousness of their own Innocence, left the *Disquisition* of this mysterious Business entirely in these *Peoples* Hands, they were so far from being able to make *Proof* of what they had at first given out, that they found the *Iniquity* lay quite in another Corner, and so they very prudently gave the *Publick* Room to observe, that they were as incapable of *doing Justice* upon *themselves*, as they are of *affording* it to *others*: From such a manner of acting, I think I may safely say *these Men are no PATRIOTS*.

III. IT has ever been a *Maxim* among the wise *Men* of all *Countries*, to avoid letting any thing fall in their *Debates* capable of affecting the *Honour* of the *State* in the *Opinion* of *Foreigners*. It has been as constantly the *Practice* of the *Members* of the *Coalition* to let slip no Opportunity

tunity of shewing *Britain* in a contemptible *Light* to her *Allies*, and to her *Enemies*; they have represented her as *unsteady* in her *Measures*, *weak* in her *Forces*, and *timorous* in her *Resolutions*, a *Foe* not to be *dreaded*, and a *Friend* not to be *trusted*. Do they call for *Proofs*? Let them look into the *seven* Volumes of the *Craftsman*, into the *Country Journals* of the last *Year*, into the *Papers* cited in this *Work* and if these do not satisfy them, let them remember *Palm's Memorial*, the *Hague Letter*, and the *Motions* in a certain Place as to the *Treaty of Seville*: From all which I am myself convinced, and have all the *Reason* in the World to believe, that every impartial *Man*, that considers them, will be convinced too, that they have done all they could to render Us *contemptible* Abroad, as well as to *disturb* Us at Home: Whence I conclude that *they cannot be* PATRIOTS.

IV. THE true *Lovers* of their *Country* in other *Commonwealths*, and in former *Times* in *ours*, valued themselves on their strict Adherence to the *Laws*, and in supporting them to the *utmost* of their *Power*: Our *Zelots*, on the contrary, neither treat them respectfully in *Words*, shew any Regard to them in their *Actions*, or recommend them in their *Writings*. We have
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heard them question the Validity of the *Act* for *Septennial* Parliaments. We have known them call the *Riot Law*, an intolerable *Yoke* on the *Neck* of a *Free People*. *Excises* have been *branded*, as the *Badges* of *Slavery*; and *Taxes* in general, treated as so many *Branches* of *Oppression*, at the same time that all these *continue* to be the *known Laws* of the *Land*, and are most of them so necessary to the very *Existence* of the *Government*, that if they were *taken away*, it would *sink* of *course*, and we should feel immediately the *happy Effects* of that *Anarchy*, which the *Coalition* has been so long labouring to *introduce*. From these *Steps*, so widely opposite to the *Dictates* of *Reason*, and the *Rules* of *Prudence*, I conclude that the Promoters of them *are no* PATRIOTS.

V. As the Happiness of a *State* consists in the Security and Prosperity of its *People*; and as these can only be effected by the having *good Laws*, which from time to time are to be amended and repaired, as the *Nature* of the *Times*, and the *Dispositions* of *Mankind* require; so it might be reasonably expected from *Men*, who call themselves *Friends*, and would be understood to be little less than *Guardians* of the

the *Society*, that in the *Course* of the *several Years* in which they have *assumed* to themselves these *Characters*, they should have proposed to the *Legislature* something of that *sort*, some *Bill* for the *promoting Virtue*, or for the *Discouragement of Vice*. But, alas! their *Cares* have been employ'd, not in the *Service*, but in the *Ruin* of their *Country*. Their *Heads* have not been *barren*, but rather too *fertile* in *Projects*; but their *Projects* have never tended to *Peace*; their *Malice* has been the *sole Fountain* of all the *Schemes* which they would have imposed on the *Legislature*; and the *single Point* they have had in *view*, has been the *Forcing* those whom they disliked from the *Administration*, and *Seizing it themselves*. Are *Practices* like these the *Works* of *PATRIOTS*!

VI. REASON might persuade us, if the *Laws* of *God* and *Man* did not *command* us, to pay a proper *Respect* to *Princes*, especially while they govern justly, that is, according to *Law*. And it has always been the distinguishing Mark of *true Britons*, that they have been as *loyal* to *good Kings*, as any *People* upon *Earth*: This our *Histories* demonstrate, and even the *Craftsmen* acknowledge; but how opposite has been their *Behaviour*! Have they not
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often *squinted* at the *Person* of their *Prince*, and *libell'd* every *Action* of his *Life*, however *just*, however *inoffensive* ? Did they not, in the very *Dawning* of his *Reign*, ridicule *Reviews*, when his Majesty shew'd a *Pleasure* in examining his *Army*, and in observing whether it was in such an *Order*, as the *Provision* made by the *Legislature* required it should be ? Did they not afterwards insult him, by a pretended *Preamble* to a *Patent*, inserted in the *Craftsman* in *Latin* and *English* ? Have they not, in a multitude of *Papers*, abused his *Royal Consort*, and sneer'd at the *Prince* ? Have they not lately compared the *Palace* of *St. James's* to an *Hospital* of *blind Men* ? And, in the same *Paper*, ridiculed a supposed *Deficiency* in the *King's Sight* ? Have they not printed and reprinted a *scurrilous Libel* on *Merlin's Cave* ? As if her Majesty had not a *Right* to divert herself in her *Garden*, as well as the *meanest* of her *Subjects*. Inasmuch, therefore, as all these rude and undutiful *Passages* expose that *Irreverence* and *Contempt* which they have for their *Sovereign* and his *Family*, and which they would *infuse* into *others*, I may safely pronounce them *no PATRIOTS*.

VII. THE Insolence and Disrespect shewn in such *Practices* as have been just now animadverted upon, are much heighten'd, when we consider that *Ingratitude* is mixed with *Treason*; and that a *Desire* of hindering the *People* from seeing the real *Happiness* of their *Condition*, is joined to the base *Inclination* of *perswading* a *Breach* of their *Oaths* and of their *Duty*. For, surely, if ever *Prince* had a *just Title* to the *Throne*, and thereby a *Claim* to the *Peoples Obedience*, such a *Right* is in his *present Majesty*: But if without Flattery it might be said of *Titus*, *Trajan*, and the *Antonines*, that the Use they made of *Power*, made *Empire* appear rather the *Reward* of their *Virtues*, than the *Consequence* of their *Descent*, certainly the same thing may be affirmed of King *George the Second*: His *Reign* has been unstain'd with *Foreign Wars*, or with *Civil Broils*; it is neither *red* with the *Blood* of his *Enemies*, nor *defiled* with that of his *Subjects*: He found Us in *Peace* and *Plenty* at his *Accession*; the *former* he has *preserved*, the *latter* he has *increased*. The *Law* has been the constant *Rule* of his *Actions*; and the *Resolutions* of both *Houses*, the *Touchstones* of his *Measures*. As his *Government* hath been *wise* and *gentle*, so his *private Life* is

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princely and exemplary. He has repair'd the *royal Palaces*, and rebuilt such *publick Offices* as were in a ruinous Condition. His *Court* is magnificent without Ostentation; his *Family* as well order'd as that of a private Gentleman; and the *Credit* of the *Crown*, which, if we consider *former Reigns*, is a very extraordinary thing, as *high* as that of the *City*. In a word, *Justice* and *Clemency* have been equally conspicuous in his *publick* and *private Character*; and neither ours, *nor* the *Annals* of any other *People*, can shew us the *Portrait* of a *Prince* more worthy of *Love* or of *Esteem*. Her Majesty's Character is too *amiable* to need an *Apology*, and too *well known* for me to *insist* on here. Our own *Happiness* under this *august Family*, if uninterrupted *Quiet*, extensive *Trade*, and immense *Wealth* may be included under that *Word*, is so apparent, that we must not only shut our *Eyes*, but renounce the *Use* of the *rest* of our *Senses*, not to perceive it. Let me have Leave then to say, that such as can *dissemble* all this, and return *saucy Libels* and *infamous Aspersions* for so much *Goodness* and *Condescension*, are NO PATRIOTS.

To conclude, *my Countrymen* (for as I wrote this *Treatise* for the Use of the *People* of *Britain*, so I hope, considering their present *Itch* after *Politicks*, they will afford it a Reading) I intreat You to compare all I have *advanced* with the *Works* to which I *refer*. I conjure You to *reflect* on the *happy State* You are now in, and the *Danger* You may incur by those who wou'd put You on bringing about *Revolutions*. Weigh well their *Arguments*, and examine nicely their *Harangues*, remembering always this short Caution, That M E N follow REASON, and BEASTS are led by SOUNDS.

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